

J.B. Pritzker
Governor



Marc D. Smith
Acting Director

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Clerk of the House
Capitol Building, Rm 300
Springfield, IL 62706

Re: Personal Information Protection Act (815 ILCS 530, et seq.)
Report of a Loss of Protected Personal Information

Dear Members of the General Assembly:

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 25 of the Personal Information Protection Act, the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) submits this report of a breach of written material.

On April 8, 2022, a DCFS litigation attorney within the Office of Legal Services inadvertently sent an email containing a link to an investigative file downloadable through the secured document transfer system to an attorney not of record. The investigative file contains confidential and personally identifiable information.

We have contacted the attorney and asked that the email be disregarded and deleted from their system. On April 9, 2022, the attorney confirmed that the email was disregarded and deleted. In addition, DCFS has removed the investigative file from the document transfer system. The total number of individuals involved in this breach is five (5).

DCFS sincerely regrets this incident. DCFS is contacting the affected individuals and providing them with information about credit monitoring services and other ways to protect their identity.

Sincerely,

Marc D. Smith
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